

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (Withdrawn)

11-13. (Cancelled)

14-20. (Withdrawn)

21. (Currently Amended) A fibrous web ~~for use in a medical package~~, the fibrous web being saturated with a composition comprising a blend of a latex polymer having a glass transition temperature of 10°C or less and a heat-sealable polymer comprising a homopolymer or heteropolymer of a lower alkene, wherein the fibrous web has a Gurley stiffness of less than about 165 milligrams in the machine direction and a seal strength of at least about 0.70 pound per inch when sealed to a base component ~~of the medical package~~.

22. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 21, wherein the Gurley stiffness of the fibrous web is less than about 145 milligrams in the machine direction.

23. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 21, wherein the Gurley stiffness of the fibrous web is less than about 100 milligrams in the cross direction.

24. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 21, wherein the latex polymer is an acrylic polymer.

25. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 21, wherein the heat-sealable polymer comprises polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene acrylic acid, ethylene vinyl acetate, or combinations thereof.

26. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 21, wherein the fibrous web includes cellulosic fibers.

27. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 21, wherein the percent add-on of the composition is at least about 25%.

28. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 21, wherein the fibrous web has a Gurley porosity of less than about 120 seconds per 100 cubic centimeters.

29. (Currently Amended) A fibrous web ~~for use in a medical package~~, the fibrous web containing cellulosic fibers and being saturated with a composition comprising a blend of an acrylic latex polymer and a homopolymer or heteropolymer of a lower alkene, wherein the fibrous web has a Gurley stiffness of less than about 145 milligrams in the machine direction and a seal strength of at least about 0.70 pound per inch when sealed to a base component ~~of the medical package~~.

30. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 29, wherein the Gurley stiffness of the fibrous web is less than about 100 milligrams in the cross direction.

31. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 29, wherein the acrylic latex polymer has a glass transition temperature of about 10°C or lower.

32. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 29, wherein the heat-sealable polymer comprises polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene acrylic acid, ethylene vinyl acetate, or combinations thereof.

33. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 29, wherein the percent add-on of the composition is at least about 25%.

34. (Previously Presented) The fibrous web of claim 29, wherein the fibrous web has a Gurley porosity of less than about 120 seconds per 100 cubic centimeters.

35. (Currently Amended) A fibrous web ~~for use in a medical package~~, the fibrous web containing cellulosic fibers and being saturated with a composition comprising a blend of an acrylic latex polymer and a heat-sealable polymer selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene acrylic acid, ethylene vinyl acetate, and combinations thereof, the percent add-on of the composition being at least about 25%, wherein the fibrous web has a Gurley stiffness less than about 165 milligrams in the machine direction, a Gurley porosity of less than about 120 seconds per 100 cubic centimeters, and a seal strength of at least about 0.70 pound per inch when sealed to a base component ~~of the medical package~~.